



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ERIC C. THOMPSON,

Plaintiff,

-against-

KILOLO KIJAKAZI,  
Acting Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

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**ORDER**

23-CV-00996 (LGS) (KHP)

**KATHARINE H. PARKER, United States Magistrate Judge.**

This case has been referred to me for a report and recommendation. The parties shall meet and confer to discuss whether they jointly consent to decision of this action by a United States Magistrate Judge (that is, the undersigned). If the parties jointly consent, they shall complete the consent form available on the Southern District website at <http://nysd.uscourts.gov/file/forms/consent-to-proceed-before-us-magistrate-judge>, and return the form to the Honorable Lorna G. Schofield, the assigned district judge, for approval. If either or both parties do not consent, counsel for Plaintiff shall file a letter to ECF no later than **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**, stating that the parties do not consent, without indicating any particular party's consent or non-consent.

This Order is not meant to interfere in any way with the parties' absolute right to decision by a United States District Judge, but is merely an attempt at preserving scarce judicial resources and reminding the parties of their option pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: February 13, 2023  
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katharine H. Parker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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KATHARINE H. PARKER  
United States Magistrate Judge